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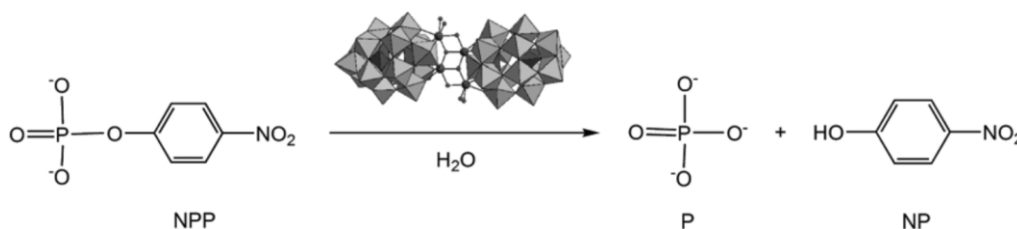
# Kinetic studies of phosphoester hydrolysis promoted by a dimeric tetrazirconium(IV) Wells-Dawson polyoxometalate by NMR spectroscopy

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The detailed kinetic study of catalytic hydrolysis of a phosphoester bond in the DNA-model substrate 4-nitrophenyl phosphate (NPP) promoted by Zr<sup>IV</sup>-substituted Wells-Dawson type polyoxometalate Na<sub>14</sub>[Zr<sub>4</sub>(P<sub>2</sub>W<sub>16</sub>O<sub>59</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>].57H<sub>2</sub>O (ZrWD 4:2) was followed by means of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy. The hydrolytic reaction proceeded with a rate constant of 8.44 (±0.36) × 10<sup>-5</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at pD 6.4 and 50 °C, representing a 300-fold rate enhancement in comparison with the spontaneous hydrolysis of NPP (k<sub>obs</sub> = 2.81 (±0.25) × 10<sup>-7</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) under the same reaction conditions. The ZrWD 4:2 was also active towards hydrolysis of the more stable DNA-model substrate bis(4-nitrophenyl) phosphate (BNPP) and the RNA model substrate 2-hydroxypropyl-4-nitrophenyl phosphate (HPNP). The pD dependence profile of k<sub>obs</sub> shows that the rate constants for NPP hydrolysis decrease significantly when the pD values of the reaction mixtures increase. The formation constant (K<sub>f</sub> = 190 M<sup>-1</sup>) and catalytic rate constant (k<sub>c</sub> = 6.40 × 10<sup>-4</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) for the NPP-ZrWD 4:2 complex, activation energy (E<sub>a</sub>) of 110.15 ± 7.06 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, enthalpy of activation (ΔH<sup>‡</sup>) of 109.03 ± 6.86 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, entropy of activation (ΔS<sup>‡</sup>) of 15.20 ± 2.49 J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>, and Gibbs activation energy (ΔG<sup>‡</sup>) of 104.32 ± 6.09 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> at 37 °C were calculated from kinetic studies. The recyclability of ZrWD 4:2 was examined by adding an extra amount (5.0 mM) of NPP twice to a fully hydrolyzed mixture of 5.0 mM NPP and 1.0 mM ZrWD 4:2. The interaction between ZrWD 4:2 and the P–O bond of NPP was evidenced by a change in the <sup>31</sup>P chemical shift of the <sup>31</sup>P atom in NPP upon addition of ZrWD 4:2. Based on <sup>31</sup>P NMR experiments and the kinetic studies, a mechanism for NPP hydrolysis promoted by ZrWD 4:2 has been proposed.<sup>1-4</sup>



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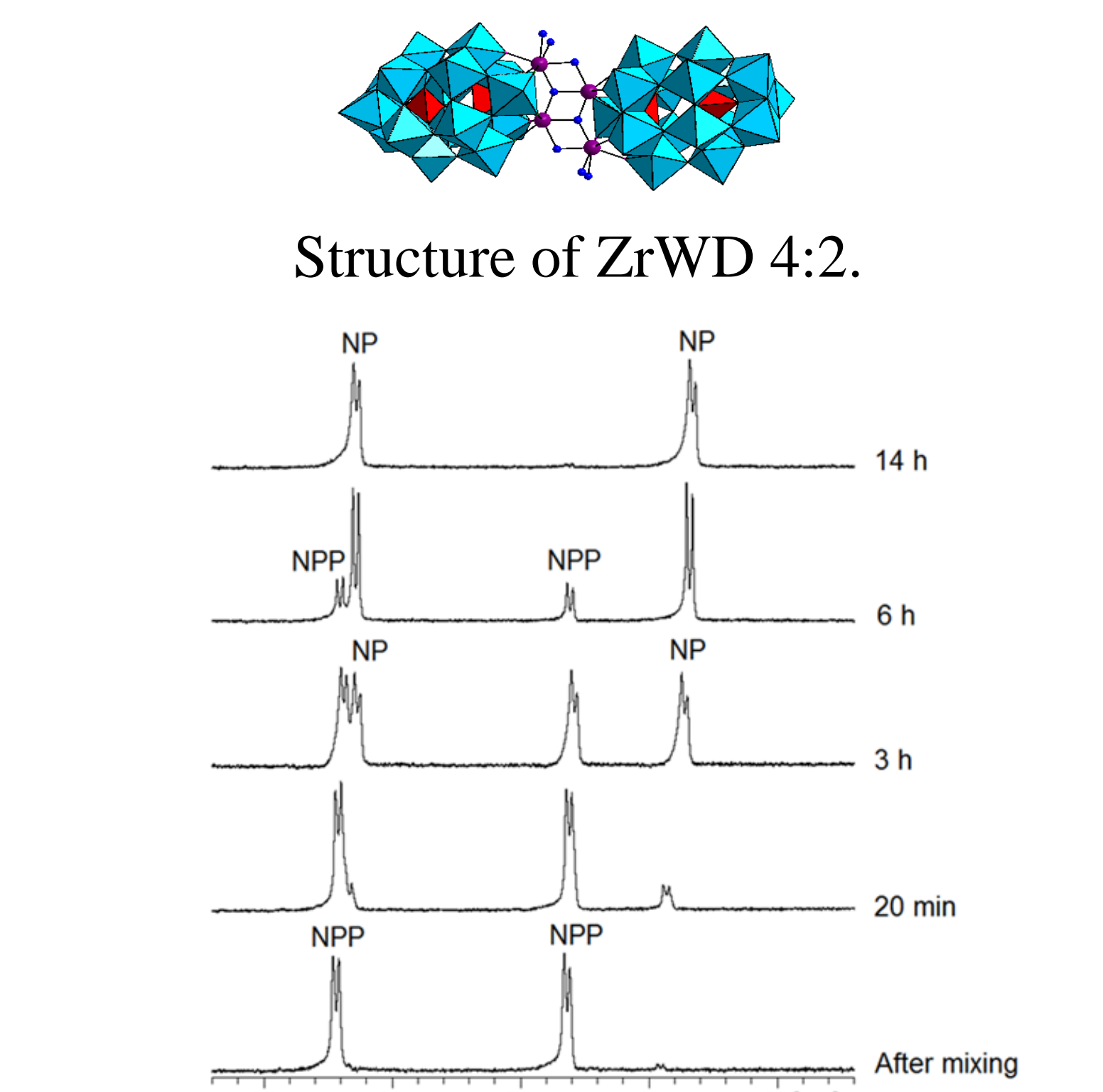
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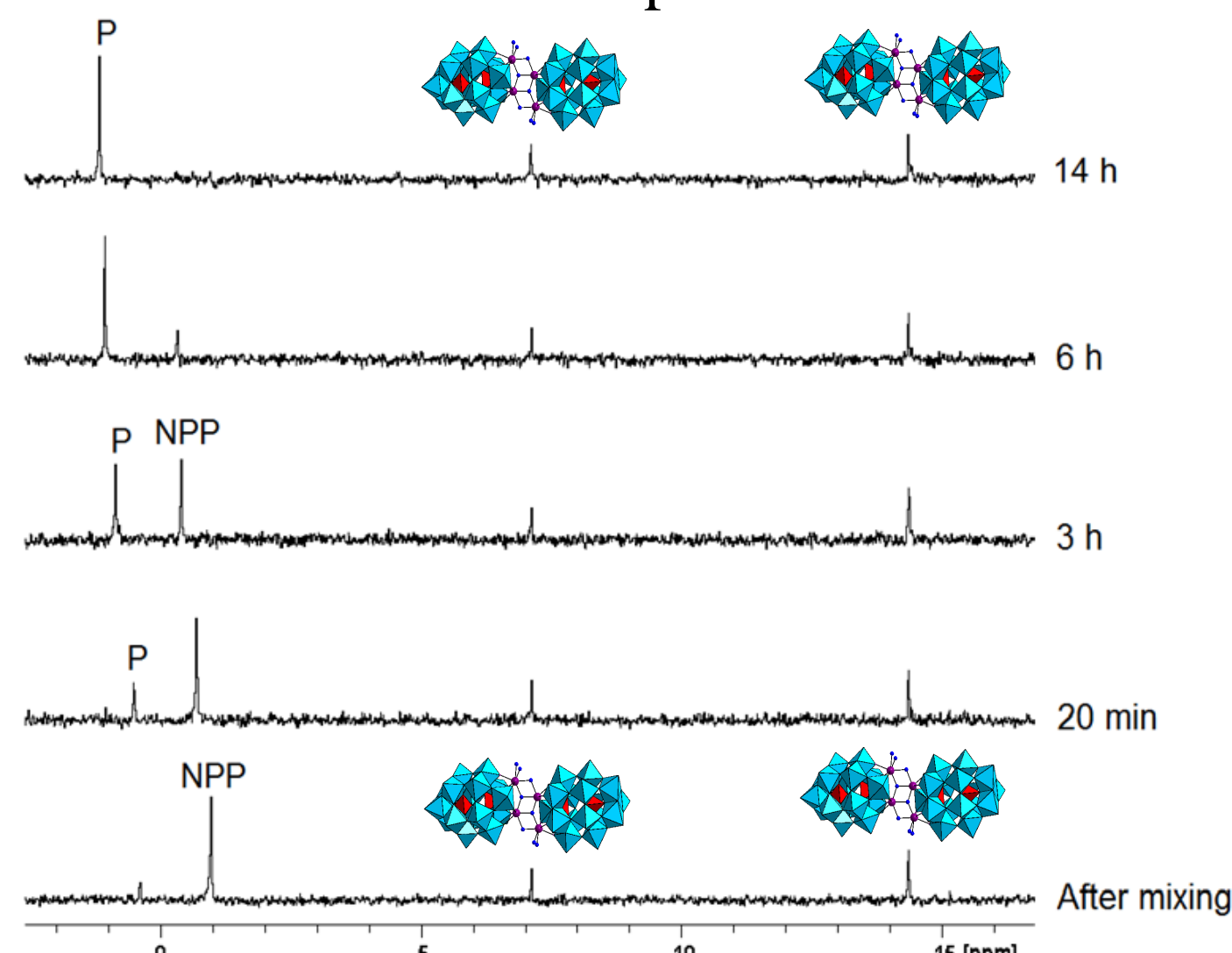
## Introduction

Polyoxometalates (POMs) are oxygen anion clusters formed by early transition metals (M = V, Nb, Ta, Mo and W) in their highest oxidation state. Several classes of POMs have been reported to have potent anti-tumor, anti-viral and anti-bacterial properties, resulting in a substantial interest in the potential medicinal application of POMs. We have previously shown that a number of Zr<sup>IV</sup>-substituted POM complexes could act as artificial phosphoesterases. For example, we found that a mononuclear Zr<sup>IV</sup>-substituted Wells-Dawson type POM K<sub>15</sub>H[Zr(α<sub>2</sub>-P<sub>2</sub>W<sub>17</sub>O<sub>61</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]·25H<sub>2</sub>O accelerated the hydrolysis of the stable DNA model substrate 4-nitrophenyl phosphate (NPP), characterized by a half-life of 135 days at pH 5.0 and 50 °C, by nearly two orders of magnitude.<sup>1</sup> Recently, it was shown that the dinuclear Zr<sup>IV</sup>-substituted Keggin type POM (Et<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>8</sub>[{α-PW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>Zr(μ-OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)}<sub>2</sub>]·7H<sub>2</sub>O efficiently promoted hydrolysis of the extremely stable phosphodiester bis(4-nitrophenyl) phosphate (BNPP), with a 320-fold rate enhancement in comparison with pure BNPP hydrolysis.<sup>2</sup> In this study we explore the phosphoesterase activity of the Zr<sup>IV</sup>-substituted Wells-Dawson Na<sub>14</sub>[Zr<sub>4</sub>(P<sub>2</sub>W<sub>16</sub>O<sub>59</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(μ<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>]·57H<sub>2</sub>O POM (ZrWD 4:2) that contains four Zr<sup>IV</sup> centers towards NPP hydrolysis by means of <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy. A detailed kinetic study combined with multinuclear NMR spectroscopy experiments allowed to propose the detailed mechanism<sup>3</sup> of NPP hydrolysis catalyzed by this POM and to obtain further insight into the role of Zr<sup>IV</sup> centers in the hydrolytic reaction.<sup>4</sup>

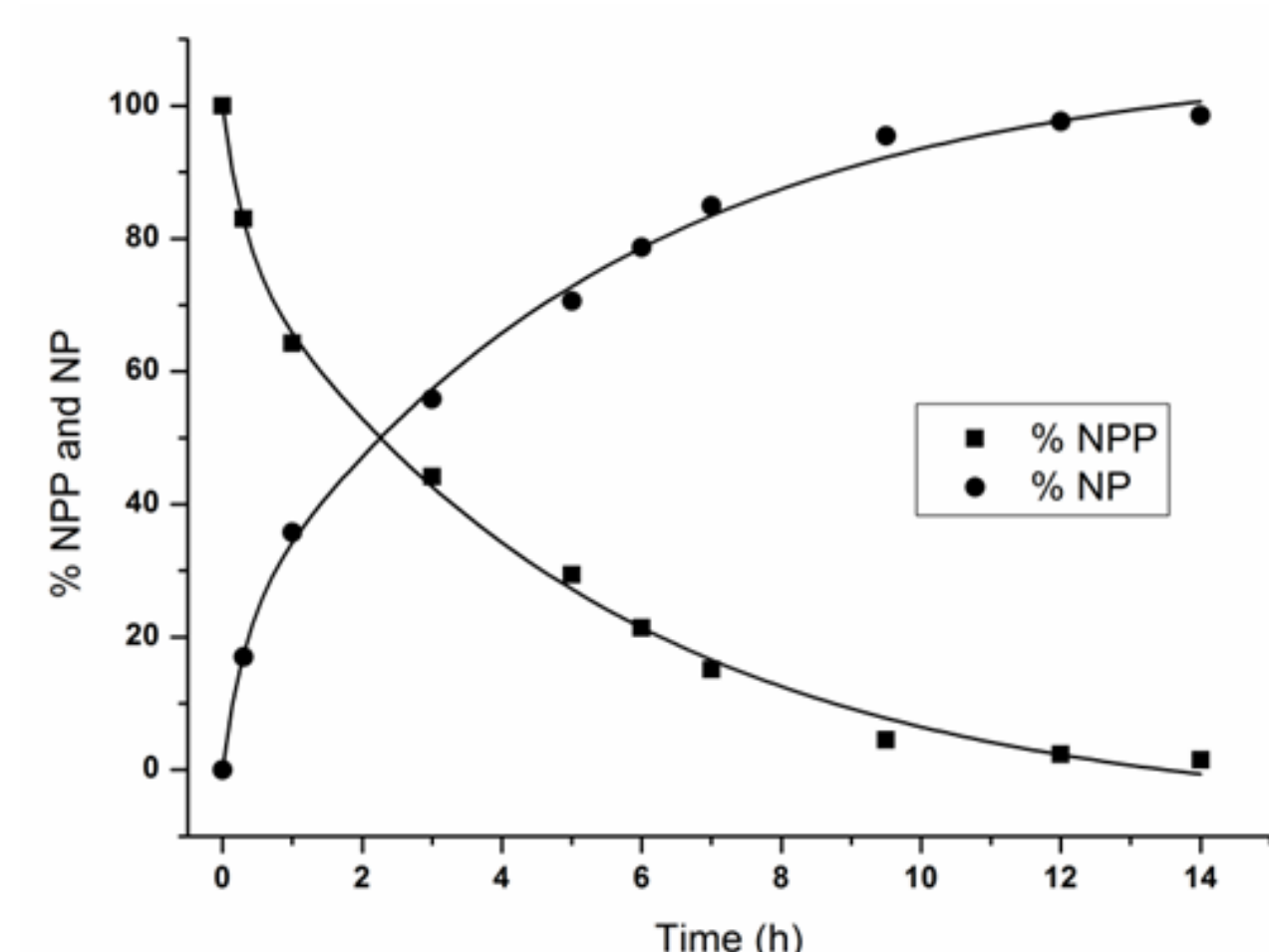
## Results and discussion



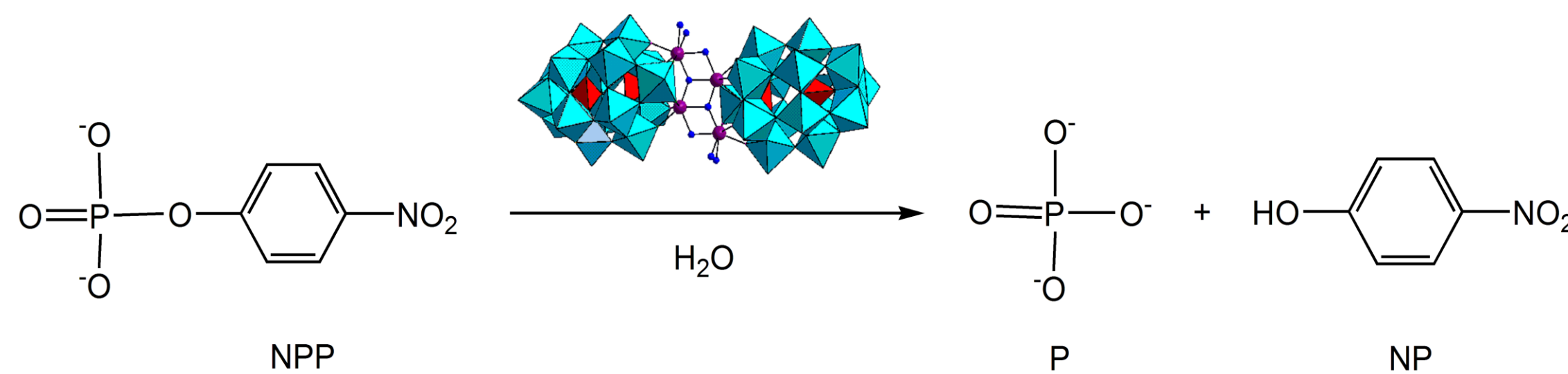
<sup>1</sup>H spectra of 5.0 mM of NPP and 1.0 mM of ZrWD 4:2 at different time intervals at pH 6.4 and 50 °C.



<sup>31</sup>P spectra of 5.0 mM of NPP and 1.0 mM of ZrWD 4:2 at different time intervals at pH 6.4 and 50 °C.



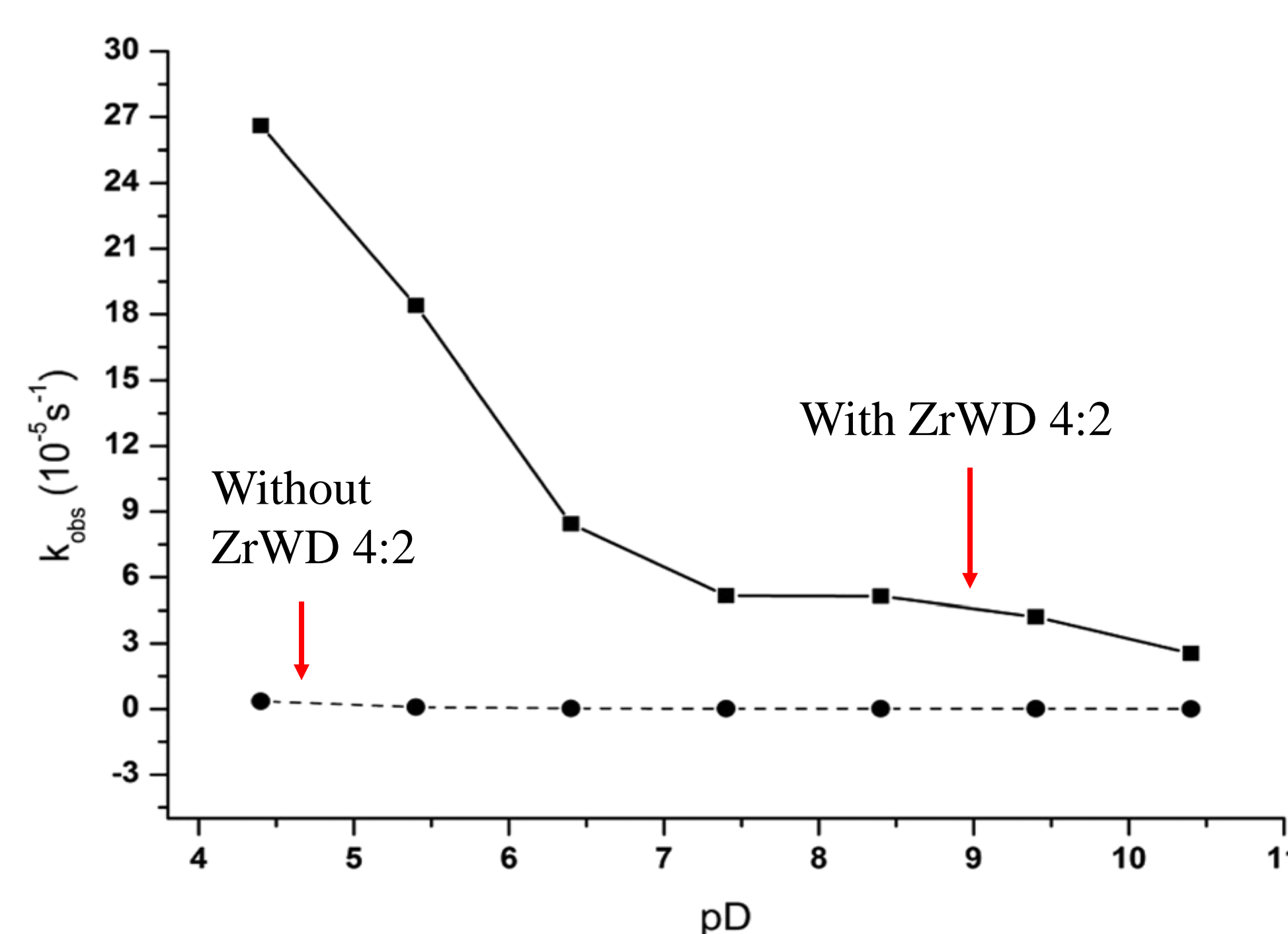
% NPP and % NP as a function of reaction time.



Hydrolysis of NPP promoted by ZrWD 4:2.

Substrate with ZrWD 4:2	k <sub>obs</sub> (10 <sup>-7</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Rate enhancement
NPP	844 (±0.36)	300-fold
BNPP	3.49 (± 0.22)	386-fold
HPNP	50.6 (± 0.18)	83-fold

### Effect of pD

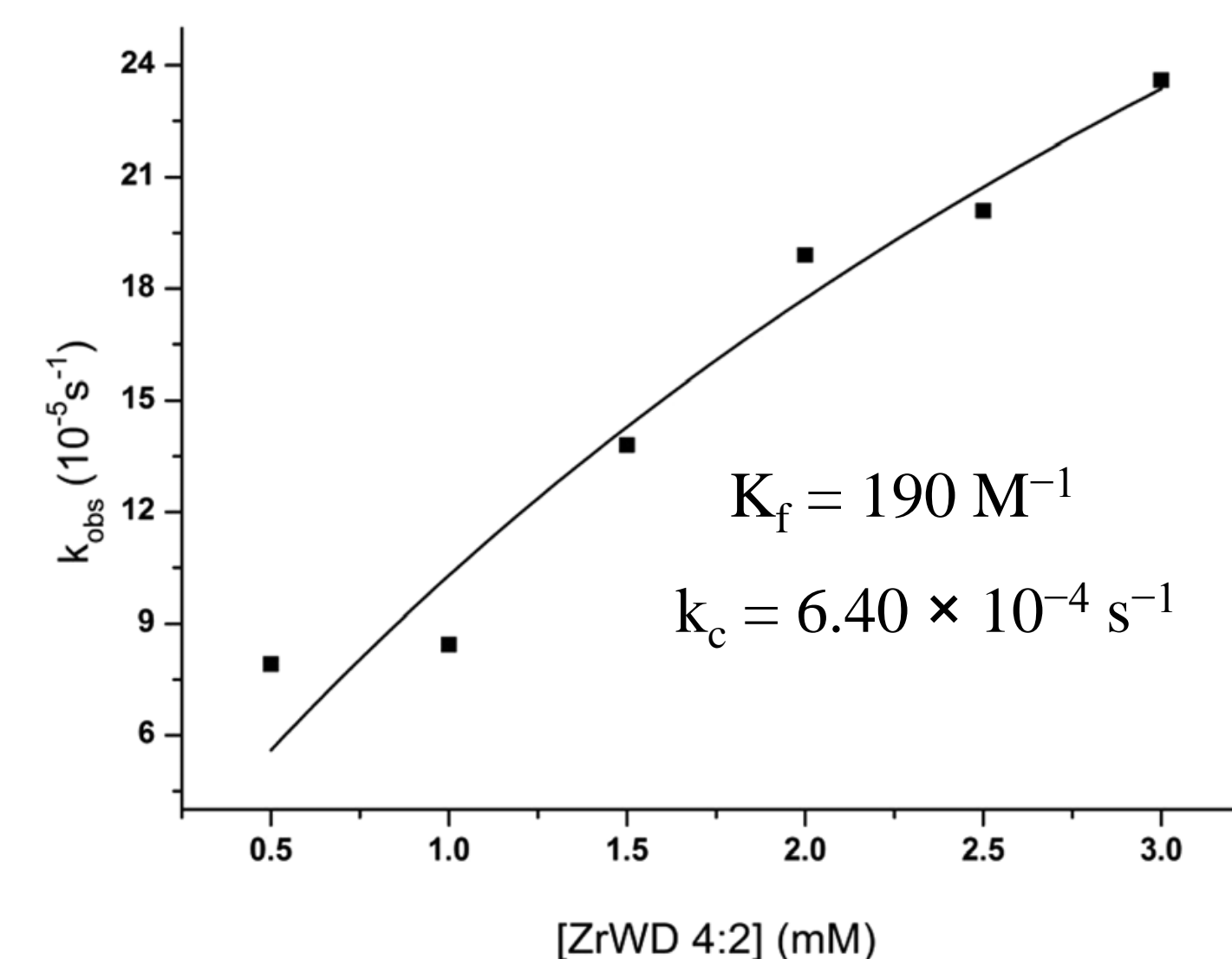


pD dependence profile of k<sub>obs</sub> for the hydrolysis of 5.0 mM of NPP and 1.0 mM of ZrWD 4:2 at 50 °C.

### Effect of temperature

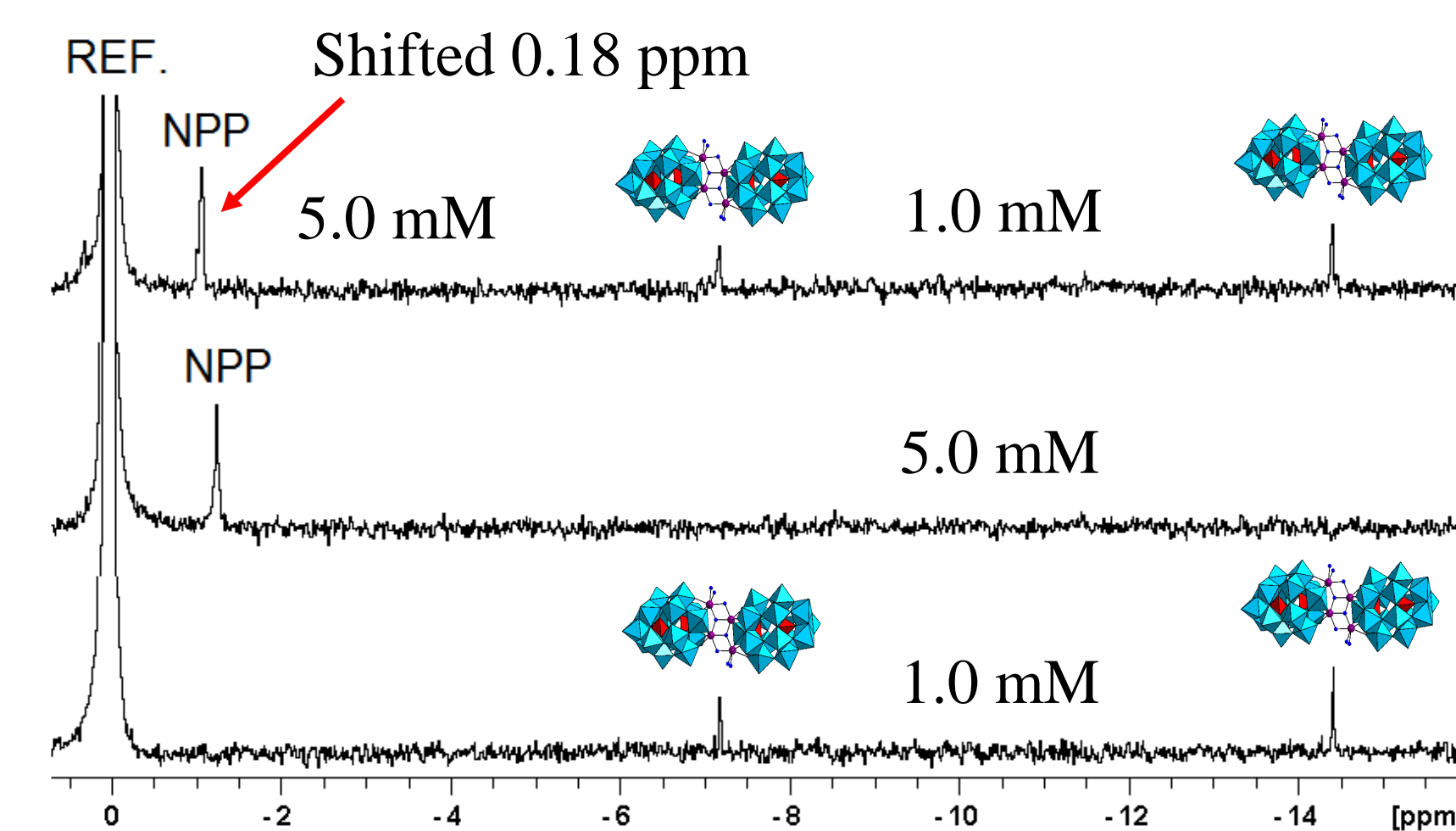
E <sub>a</sub> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )		
With ZrWD 4:2	110.15 ± 7.06	
Without ZrWD 4:2	147.17 ± 9.86	
Δ <sup>#</sup> H (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Δ <sup>#</sup> S (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )	Δ <sup>#</sup> G (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
109.03 ± 6.89	15.2 ± 2.49	104.32 ± 6.09

### Effect of ZrWD 4:2 concentration

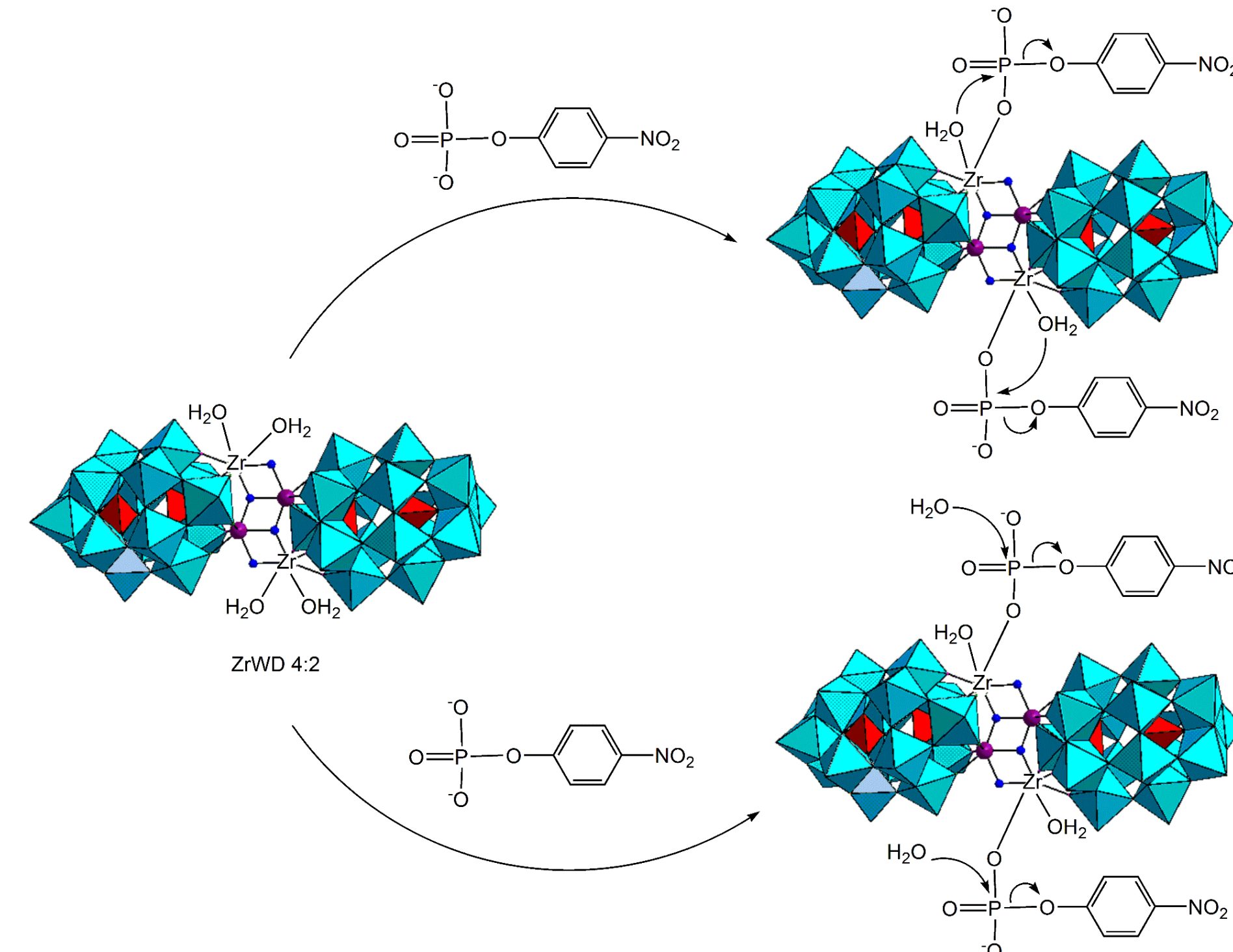


Dependence of concentration for the hydrolysis of 5.0 mM of NPP at pH 6.4 and 50 °C.

### The interaction between NPP and ZrWD 4:2



### Proposed mechanism



## Conclusions and future work

- The presence of multiple Zr<sup>IV</sup> centers is very favorable for the catalytic activity of the POM, due to the possibility of binding and activating more than one molecule of the substrate simultaneously.
- The two Zr<sup>IV</sup> ions with free coordination sites are located at the opposite sites of the POM structure facilitate for the binding of two substrate molecules.
- Further exploit the hydrolytic activity of this POM towards phosphoanhydride bonds in ATP, phosphodiester bonds in DNA/RNA.

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